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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 28 May 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, * Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Colonel Harry J. Lemley, * acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Colonel Robert A. Breitweiser, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, * Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, * acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Sam Papich, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
21 May Meeting
(IAC-M-290)

Approved as written. In this connection, the Chairman read to the members the draft of a letter to the Secretary of State relative to the procurement of foreign language publications, prepared pursuant to item 3 of these minutes. All of the members having concurred in this letter, it was passed to Mr. Cumming for transmission to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary was instructed to attach a copy of the letter to the minutes of this meeting. (See Annex A)

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 355

Noted.

b. Other Crisis Situations

After noting that he had briefed the NSC on recent developments in Taipei, the Chairman discussed various aspects of this situation with the members, including questions possibly bearing on the origin of the riots and certain resulting security problems.

The Chairman, General Schow and Mr. Cumming exchanged views on various communications difficulties which had arisen in conjunction with current unrest in Haiti. In this connection, Mr. Dulles referred also to discussions within the US Government on proposals regarding reciprocal arrangements with foreign governments relative to certain types of communications facilities. Mr. Cumming then commented on the political situation in Haiti, with special reference to the maneuvers and possible political orientation of Provisional President Fignole.

The members reviewed the situation in Yemen, using as a basis for their discussion a CIA memorandum circulated prior to the meeting. After an exchange of views, the Chairman requested that

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CIA be furnished with copies of specific comments by General Schow and Mr. Cumming on this memorandum. The members then concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that no further action be taken with respect to this memorandum, pending the receipt of additional information as a result of Ambassador Wadsworth's current visit to Yemen.

Admiral Frost noted that the alert status of the Sixth Fleet had now been canceled, and Mr. Dulles and Mr. Cumming commented on reports of Jordanian and Syrian statements regarding the activity of Syrian troops in Jordan.

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4. Proposed Tripartite Electronics Intelligence Conference
(Letter from Patrick Dean, 29 April; Memorandum to IAC, 22 May)

The members having concurred in the proposed reply to the invitation of Mr. Dean to participate in a tripartite Electronics Intelligence Conference, the Chairman stated that he would forward this letter to Mr. Dean, accepting the invitation.

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5. SEC 3-57: Deficiencies in
Biological Warfare Intelligence
(IAC-D-80/6, 1 May)

In reviewing this paper, the members and [] discussed generally various problems involved in overcoming deficiencies in biological warfare intelligence, particularly difficulties with respect to collection of such data. Following their exchange of views, the members noted this report and approved the recommendations contained therein, subject to the following amendments: (a) Add a new subparagraph 5, a, (8) to read: "Encouraging appropriate exchanges in scientific fields of interest to BW intelligence"; and (b) Change the first line of paragraph 5, c, (1) to read: "Increasing the effort by qualified intelligence."

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6. Communications Regarding Mr. Armstrong

After reading a letter which he had written to the Secretary of State regarding Mr. Park Armstrong's contribution to the work of the IAC and intelligence community, and a reply which he had received from the Secretary, the Chairman requested that copies of these letters be attached to the minutes of this meeting. (See Annex B and Annex C)

7. SNIE 100-2-57
Soviet Capabilities
for Deception

In opening the discussion on this estimate, the Chairman noted that, in his opinion, this was an especially interesting and well-written paper, and commended those who had participated in its drafting. Following an exchange of views on the draft SNIE 100-2-57, the members approved this estimate, as amended, subject to a further review by the IAC representatives of Annex E and subsequent IAC consideration of any proposed revision of that Annex.

Adjournment: 1245

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Secretary

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